

Our Vision: *To improve public education for all students by including and supporting parents*

December 15 Deadline for Voting Membership in BCCPAC

The voice of your PAC or DPAC should be heard at the BCCPAC Annual General Meeting. To be a voting delegate at the 2008 BCCPAC Annual General Meeting, membership forms and dues must be received at the BCCPAC office by Dec. 15, 2007.

To confirm receipt of your PAC or DPAC membership form and fees, please contact the office. Membership forms can be found at: http://www.bccpac.bc.ca/forms/Membership_Form_07-08.pdf

Draw for BCCPAC Playground Equipment Grant January 7

The draw for the BCCPAC Playground Equipment Grant monies will take place January 7. Please note that the application deadline was November 30 and we are no longer accepting applications. BCCPAC has received over 600 grant applications. Successful applicants will be notified by January 15, 2008.

December Member Mailing

A mailing is being sent to all BCCPAC members and should arrive before school is out for the December break. The mailing includes the December issue of *Our Voice*, nomination forms for awards, nominations forms for election of members to the Board of Directors, external and internal committee volunteer forms, copies of information/notices sent out to members by e-mail, and the 2007-2008 *BCCPAC Statement of Policy*. The latter will be useful for those members who are drafting resolutions for the Annual General Meeting.

BCCPAC Office Closes for Holidays

BCCPAC wants to wish all members holiday greetings and a happy new year. The office will be closed from Dec. 24 until January 2, reopening January 3. Please note that member support will not be available during this period of time. We look forward to serving you in 2008.

Parent Congress Application Deadline is Dec. 21

The second annual Parent Congress is taking place in Vancouver, January 28, 2008. The theme for this year's congress is "Working Together: Parents as Partners in Education." Parents and legal guardians in B.C. are encouraged to apply online. Application forms are available online and must be received before noon on Friday Dec. 21, 2007. Applicants will be chosen at random to attend by the Ministry of Education staff, who will help ensure that all regions of B.C. are represented and that parents from public, independent and band schools are selected.

www.bced.gov.bc.ca/apc/

National Student Forum

January 11 is the application deadline for this year's Interchange on Canadian Studies, scheduled for April 26-May 3, 2008 in Regina, Saskatchewan. Ten Grade 11 students from across BC will be selected to participate in the bilingual forum. This year the forum looks at issues involving the theme: "Energy in our future. What kind? What cost? What opportunity!"

<http://www.ics.ca/> To apply, please download an application form.
http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/edinfo/topics/ICS_application08.pdf

Ministry Seeks Input on K-9 Physical Activity

The British Columbia Ministry of Education has posted two draft Daily Physical Activity documents for public

review and response. The *Draft Program Guide for Daily Physical Activity: Kindergarten to Grade 9* and the *Draft Daily Physical Activity Resource: Kindergarten to Grade 9* are available on the following Ministry of Education web site. Feedback can be provided to the Ministry of Education by printing the Response Forms, completing them and then faxing them to the location listed at the bottom of the form. The Response Forms can be used for either individual or group feedback. The deadline for response is January 14, 2008.

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/drafts/welcome.htm>

Physical Education 8 to 10 Undergoing Revision

Your input is requested by the Ministry of Education which is revising, *The Physical Education 8 to 10 (1995) Integrated Resource Package (IRP)*. A new *Physical Education 8 to 10 Response Draft (2007)* is currently available for review and response. Please feel free to share this link with anyone you feel would be interested in providing feedback on the draft document. The deadline for receiving feedback is December 31, 2007.

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/drafts/welcome.htm>

Provincial Exam Results Now Available

The Ministry is providing online access to provincial examinations results for students who are currently enrolled in school and have written a provincial examination. Students require their Personal Education Number in order to access their results. This can be obtained from the school where the student is enrolled.

<https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/welcome.jsp>

BC Founded 150 Years Ago

The year 2008 marks 150 years since the founding of the Crown Colony of British Columbia. The BC150 Years website showcases an online calendar of special events that are happening around the Province to celebrate this landmark birthday. If your community or school is planning an event visit their event affiliation page to receive free website promotion.

<http://www.bc150.gov.bc.ca/bc150.aspx?page=Home>

http://www.bc150.gov.bc.ca/bc150.aspx?page=event_affiliation

Drinking Driving CounterAttack Reaches 30-Year Milestone

CounterAttack is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. Combining enforcement and public awareness, CounterAttack has made a significant contribution to reducing drinking and driving crashes in B.C. Throughout December there will be additional police road checks across the province together with ICBC-produced drinking driving TV, radio and print ads. Plan ahead to get home safely if you or your guests are celebrating. Have a designated driver, take transit, call a cab, call a friend; or call Operation Red Nose 1-877-604-NOSE to have them drive you and your car home.

www.icbc.com

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